

Brandis Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 18 March and 14 April 1952, the maximum number of aircraft observed at Brandis airfield was 11 type-29s and MiG-15s, 2 Yak-11s, and 2 U-2s. Recently, an alert flight, including one plane [redacted] has again been stationed at the field. Flying has been practiced almost daily since the beginning of April. However, the planes of the alert flight never participated in air activity. The jet fighters practiced flying in tactical formations of about five planes. The aircraft took off in groups of two and remained aloft for 30 to 50 minutes. Two Yak-11s and a type-29 [redacted] also participated in flying. When there was little flying activity the aircraft taxied to the take-off point and during intensive flying activity they were towed by trucks along the taxiway. *

2. On 18 and 19 March, four railroad tank cars were observed in the eastern section of the field near Leulitz. The tank installations in the southeastern and southern sections of the field were again in operation and were guarded by sentries with dogs. On 6 April, a Soviet Air Force major and a captain who had been stationed at the field in July 1951 were again observed there. On 13 and 14 April, the landing field was being rolled by a roller which was towed by a caterpillar tractor. Supply runs for the field were made by horse-drawn vehicles.

3. On 7 April, four MiG-15s [redacted] were parked at the west end of the runway. The hangars were closed. Between noon and 3:20 p.m., there was no flying because of rainy weather. Van-like truck [redacted] moved toward the field.

4. On 24 April, 9 jet fighters and 1 twin-engine plane were parked at the field. No flying was observed. Only a few sentries guarded the installation.

- * Comment. It is believed that Brandis airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment which has been organized during the last six months. This regiment is estimated to be equipped with 20 to 25 MiG-15s. Prior to late October 1951, the field was occupied by a trained fighter regiment. Until late October 1951, an alert flight was observed at the field. The formation flying observed and the fact that an alert flight has again been stationed at the

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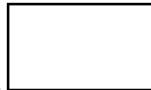
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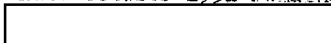


field, may indicate that the training of the new personnel is well advanced. However, there is a possibility that the alert flight is assigned to other regiments which have completed their training.

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** [redacted] Comment. The ground unit of the regiment which left the field in late October 1951 remained at the field and now serves with the new regiment.

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